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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 99 File No. 346 Cal. No. 249

CAR "AN ACT CONCERNING NEW **DEALERS** INFORMATION REGARDING THE MAGNUSON-MOSS WARRANTY ACT, THE UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS OF COMPUTER DATA, WRITTEN NOTICE FOR HOMEMAKER OR COMPANION SERVICE REGISTRIES **BUSINESSES** AND THAT MAKE CERTAIN UNSOLICITED AND INTENTIONALLY MISLEADING TELEPHONE CALLS TO CONSUMERS."

- 1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
- 2 following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2015) (a) Each new car dealer, as
- 4 defined in section 14-51 of the general statutes, at the time the sale of a
- 5 new motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, is
- 6 executed, shall deliver to the purchaser of such new motor vehicle a
- 7 written statement, printed in not less than ten-point boldface type, as
- 8 follows:

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9 "The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 USC 2301 et seq., makes it 10 illegal for motor vehicle manufacturers or dealers to void a motor 11 vehicle warranty or deny coverage under the motor vehicle warranty 12 simply because an aftermarket or recycled part was installed or used 13 on the vehicle or simply because someone other than the dealer 14 performed service on the vehicle. It is illegal for a manufacturer or 15 dealer to void your warranty or deny coverage under the warranty 16 simply because you used an aftermarket or recycled part. If it turns out 17 that an aftermarket or recycled part was itself defective or wasn't 18 installed correctly and it causes damage to another part that is covered 19 under the warranty, the manufacturer or dealer has the right to deny 20 coverage for that part and charge you for any repairs. The Federal 21 Trade Commission requires the manufacturer or dealer to show that 22 the aftermarket or recycled part caused the need for repairs before 23 denying warranty coverage."

- (b) For purposes of this section, an "aftermarket part" is a part that was made by a company other than the vehicle manufacturer or the original equipment manufacturer and a "recycled part" is a part that was made for and installed in a new vehicle by the manufacturer or the original equipment manufacturer and later removed from the vehicle and made available for resale or reuse.
- Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 20-679a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):
- (a) Not later than [seven] <u>four</u> calendar days after the date on which a registry supplies, refers or places an individual with a consumer, the registry shall provide the consumer with a written notice, to be signed by the consumer, specifying the legal liabilities of such registry to the individual supplied or referred to or placed with the consumer. If the registry maintains an Internet web site, a sample of the notice shall be posted on such Internet web site.
- 40 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) A person who provides material

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41 information to the Department of Consumer Protection that results in 42 the investigation of a telephone solicitor and enforcement of subsection 43 (d) of section 42-288a of the general statutes shall be compensated in an 44 amount the Commissioner of Consumer Protection decides is 45 reasonable. The amount shall be paid out of the proceeds collected by 46 the state as a result of the enforcement of said subsection and shall not 47 be less than fifteen per cent or more than thirty per cent of the total 48 amount recovered by the state pursuant to subsections (g) and (k) of 49 said section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2015	20-679a(a)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2015	New section